[Mr. C. P, Thomas.]

(3) whether a copy each would be supplied free to the members of this Council;

(4) whether the Government propose to take up for consideration, in the near future, the question of founding a university for Travancore or *Kerala*;

(5) if not, whether they will now take up the question of reforms in school education, primary, secondary and industrial; and

(6) whether they will arrange for the conference of headmasters of English High Schools, which was held up pending the decision of the Government on the question of the University, being convoked?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The report was received by the Government on the 10th January 1925 and was published in April 1925.

(2) and (4) The Government do not propose to take the matter up for consideration at present.

(3) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 59 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 5th November 1925.

(5) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government quite apart from the question of founding a university for Travancore or *Kerala*.

(6) The Government do not consider it necessary to arrange for a conference of Headmasters of English High Schools at present.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Government expect to come to any decision in this year about the Education Committee referred to in part (5) of the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This year is already drawing to a close.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I mean the academic year.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government hope to do so.

Appointment of Mussalman Graduates in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

114. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mussalman graduates who have applied for appointments in the Secretariat and in the Account Office during the years 1100 and 1101, and the number of those who have been appointed during the same period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of Mussalman graduates who applied for appointments in 1100 and 1101 was three in the Secretariat and one in the Account Office. No one was appointed in either of the offices during the period.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know from the Government why at least one or two out of these four applicants were not given appointments during these two years?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends upon various circumstances. Perhaps the men appointed already have been acting.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know if the Chief Secretary is of opinion that no new appointment was made during these two years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Do the Government think they are consistent in their avowed policy towards Mussalmans in this respect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When new vacancies arise, their claims will be considered with sympathy.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Chief Secretary be in a position to give the approximate number of appointments made during the same period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give the number even approximately.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that three out of the four applicants have left Travancore already after being baffled in their attempts to secure appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will he kindly take it from me?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Earmarking of Lands for the Land Colonisation Scheme.

115. **MR. N. V. JOSEPH** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the grievance and discontent prevailing among the people of Kunnatnad on account of the arbitrary method adopted by the subordinates of the Revenue Department in earmarking lands to be brought under the Land Colonisation Scheme; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to take early steps to safeguard the vested interests of the several tenants in the taluk who have expended much money and labour in improving Government lands in the hope of getting them registered in their names in due course?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government are not aware of any grievance or discontent prevailing among the people of the Kunnatnad taluk in the matter of earmarking lands for disposal under the Land Colonisation Rules. The earmarking of lands for the purpose has not yet been done and the subordinates of the Revenue Department have nothing to do with the matter. The work has to be done by the committee of officials and non-officials appointed

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